



Friends and Colleagues,

Do you know someone who is passionate and determined to make a difference for young kids in your community? If so, we need your help in recruiting them to serve as a volunteer on your local First Things First Regional Partnership Council!

The 31 regional councils statewide are a vital part of helping First Things First fulfill our shared vision that every child will arrive at school healthy and ready to succeed. The regional councils identify the needs of children under six in their communities, work with community stakeholders to establish priorities, and determine strategies to fund. Beyond these funding decisions, the regional councils build collaborations with local partners to help ensure the most efficient use of resources and achieve positive outcomes for young children.

A total of 186 regional council seats are open across the state. The First Things First Board will make appointments to the regional councils at their June 2012 meeting. Each appointment is for a four-year term and application is open to all eligible applicants. Regional council members must either live or work in the region they wish to represent.

Serving as a volunteer member on one of First Things First Regional Partnership Councils requires time, talent, leadership qualities and a commitment to building successful communities which support young children. The council membership represents a diverse group made up of members representing Arizona's tribal communities, health, business, education, child care and philanthropy, as well as general "at large" community members. Regional council members must have expertise in their area, as well as the dedication and tenacity to effect change for young children in their communities.

I am sure there are many individuals within your organization, or among your constituents, who would be ideal candidates. Please forward this information, and ask those interested to visit our website ([www.azftf.gov](http://www.azftf.gov)) and to consider filling out an application for a position as an FTF regional council member. Details on the open positions and a position description are available on the website.

Thank you in advance for helping us find the best people to represent young kids in our communities. We value your time and hope that you will support our efforts to reach a diverse, well-qualified and interested group of people with this opportunity to lead the work of First Things First.

Sincerely,

Rhian Allvin  
Executive Director